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Title : POROUS ARTICLE WITH §
SURFACE FUNTIONALITY AND §
METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME §

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2003, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The following amendments are made using the new amendment format. The provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 are waived in favor of the new format.